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1. ON APRIL 28, MINECON HAD A GENERAL REVIEW OF CURRENT
ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH DUTET, ELYSEE STAFF ECONOMIC
ADVISER. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, WE TOLD HIM
OF OUR RECENT DEMARCHES TO KEY FRENCH MINISTRIES ON THE
PROTEIN ISSUE (REFTELS). WE EXPLAINED THE NATURE OF OUR
CONCERN AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE NEW FRENCH GOVERN-
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MENT, JUST INSTALLED, WOULD RETHINK THIS MATTER.

2. DUTET, WHILE AWARE OF THE FACT OF OUR DEMARCHES, WAS
NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS. HE TOOK NOTE OF OUR COMMENTS
AND SAID THAT HE CAN UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN GIVEN THE
SIZE OF OUR EC MARKET FOR SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTS.
AS HAD SOME OF THE OTHER GOF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE

TALKED PREVIOUSLY, DUTET EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. EMBARGO ON SOYBEAN EXPORTS IN 1973 HAD MADE A STRONG IMPRESSION IN FRANCE AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE A VERY LONG TIME INDEED FOR FRENCH FEARS TO BE ENTIRELY DISSIPATED.

3. DUTET ALSO NOTED THAT PART OF THE FRENCH MOTIVATION FOR WANTING TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR SOYBEANS IS RELATED TO THE CURRENT COMMUNITY CONTROVERSY OVER MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS UNDER THE CAP. GIVEN THE SYSTEM OF COMMON PRICES FOR MEAT PRODUCTS, WHICH IS A BASIC FEATURE OF THE CAP, THE MCAS WORK IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FAVOR THE GERMAN AND DUTCH HOG INDUSTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FRENCH. THE FORMER ARE NOT ONLY MORE EFFICIENT PRODUCERS, BUT THEY USE RELATIVELY MORE SOYBEANS IN THEIR OOD RATIONS THAN DO THE FRENCH.

4. COMMENT: WITH DISCUSSION REPORTED IN THIS MESSAGE, WE HAVE NOW TOUCHED ALL KEY BASES ON THE SOYBEAN ISSUE: MINISTRES OF AGRICULTURE, FOREIGN TRADE, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLUS SENIOR STAFF LEVEL AT MATIGNON AND ELYSEE. HARTMAN

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